

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 4 and 6 - 18 remain in the application. Claim 5 has been cancelled. Claim 1 has been amended. Reconsideration of this application in view of the amendments noted is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 10, 13, and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(b) as being unpatentable over Chen (U.S. Patent No. 6,256,831). Also, claims 2 - 4, 8, and 9 were rejected under Section 103(b) as being unpatentable over Chen in view of Olsen (U.S. Patent No. 6,793,434). Claims 5 - 7, 11, 12, and 15 - 18, however, were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were found allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

For these reasons, applicant has added the limitation of claim 5 to base claim 1 and accordingly has cancelled claim 5. Claim 1 is therefore allowable and claims 2 - 4 and 6 - 18, depending directly or indirectly from claim 1, are also allowable.

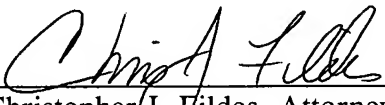
Based upon these amendments, applicant respectfully requests that the Section 103(a) rejection of claims 1, 10, 13, and 14 over Chen and claims 2 - 4, 8, and 9 over Chen in view of Olsen be withdrawn.

This amendment is believed to be fully responsive to the comments and suggestions of the examiner and to place this application in condition for allowance. Favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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